

collaborate with participating manufacturers, importers, and processors of nanoscale materials, and other stakeholders in an effort to generate more detailed information of certain specific nanoscale materials. Under this second effort OPPT and program participants will work together to generate data and analyses that will more fully characterize certain nanoscale materials and to increase understanding of the environmental health and safety implications of manufactured nanoscale materials.

This data collection will facilitate and support EPA's voluntary Stewardship Program for Nanoscale Materials and complement EPA's new and existing chemical programs under TSCA. These data will also help provide a firmer scientific foundation for regulatory decisions by encouraging the development of key scientific information and appropriate risk management practices for nanoscale chemical substances.

Burden statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 833 hours per response. This estimate assumes that the response involves all potential activities in the Nanoscale Materials Stewardship Program described in the ICR. Not all participants in the Nanoscale Materials Stewardship Program are expected to participate in the "in-depth" component of the program. Under the PRA, "burden" means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal Agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements which have subsequently changed; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

The ICR provides a detailed explanation of the activities and estimated burden, which is only briefly summarized here:

Estimated total number of potential respondents: 615.

Frequency of response: On occasion.

Estimated total average number of annual responses for each respondent: 2.

Estimated total annual burden hours: 24,724 hours.

Estimated total annual costs: \$1,271,240.

III. What is the Next Step in the Process for this ICR?

EPA will consider the comments received and amend the ICR as appropriate. Although included as attachments to the ICR, EPA is issuing a separate **Federal Register** document to solicit public review and comments on two draft documents: "Concept Paper for the Nanoscale Materials Stewardship Program under TSCA" and "TSCA Inventory Status of Nanoscale Substances—General Approach." In addition to considering comments submitted on the ICR, EPA will also consider public comments received on these two documents.

The final ICR package, including the revised attachments, will then be submitted to OMB for review and approval pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12. At that time, EPA will issue another **Federal Register** notice pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.5(a)(1)(iv) to announce the submission of the ICR to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB.

If you have any questions about this ICR or the process, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

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James Jones,

Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPPT-2004-0122; FRL-8139-9]

Nanoscale Materials Stewardship Program; Notice of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA is convening a public meeting to receive comments on the development of a voluntary Nanoscale Materials Stewardship Program (NMSP) under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). In a separate notice in this **Federal Register** EPA announced the availability of two draft documents for public review and comment: A

"Concept Paper for the Nanoscale Materials Stewardship Program under TSCA" and "TSCA Inventory Status of Nanoscale Substances—General Approach." In a separate notice in this **Federal Register** EPA also solicited public comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection for the voluntary NMSP. The purpose of the public meeting, which will occur during the comment period on these documents, is to further discussion and development of NMSP.

DATES: The meeting will be held on August 2, 2007, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

You may register for the meeting on or before July 30, 2007. See Unit IV. for additional registration information.

To request accommodation of a disability, please contact the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, preferably at least 10 days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Rosslyn at Key Bridge, 1900 Fort Myer Dr., Arlington, VA 22209.

Requests to make oral comments at the meeting, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2004-0122, may be submitted to the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information contact: Colby Lintner, Regulatory Coordinator, Environmental Assistance Division (7408M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (202) 554-1404; e-mail address: TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov.

For technical information contact: James Alwood, Chemical Control Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (7405M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (202) 564-8974; e-mail address: alwood.jim@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

This action is directed to the public in general, and may be of particular interest to those persons who manufacture, import, process, or use nanoscale materials. Representatives from industry, non-government organizations concerned with the environment and human health,

academia, and government may all be interested in attending.

Since many entities may be interested, the Agency has not attempted to fully describe all of the entities that may have an interest in this matter. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

B. How Can I Get Copies of this Document and Other Related Information?

1. *Docket.* EPA has established a docket for this action under docket ID number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2004-0122. All documents in the docket are listed in the docket's index available at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, will be publicly available only in hard copy. Publicly available docket materials are available electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>, or, if only available in hard copy, at the OPPT Docket. The OPPT Docket is located in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC) at Rm. 3334, EPA West Bldg., 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA/DC Public Reading Room hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays. The telephone number of the EPA/DC Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the OPPT Docket is (202) 566-0280. Docket visitors are required to show photographic identification, pass through a metal detector, and sign the EPA visitor log. All visitor bags are processed through an X-ray machine and subject to search. Visitors will be provided an EPA/DC badge that must be visible at all times in the building and returned upon departure.

2. *Electronic access.* You may access this **Federal Register** document electronically through the EPA Internet under the "**Federal Register**" listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr>.

II. Background

A. What is the NMSP?

The NMSP is a voluntary program intended to complement and support EPA's new and existing chemical programs under TSCA. TSCA provides EPA the authority to assure that new and existing "chemical substances" are manufactured, processed, used, and disposed of in a manner that protects

against unreasonable risks to human health and the environment. Nanoscale materials which meet the TSCA definition of "chemical substances" are subject to TSCA.

B. What Action is the Agency Taking?

EPA is announcing a public meeting to receive further comment on all aspects of NMSP, including the three documents described in this unit. In a separate notice in this **Federal Register** EPA announced the availability of two documents for a 60-day public review and comment period. One document, entitled "TSCA Inventory Status of Nanoscale Substances—General Approach" (TSCA Inventory paper), describes EPA's current thinking regarding whether a nanoscale material is a "new" or "existing" chemical substance under TSCA. The other document, entitled "Concept Paper for the Nanoscale Materials Stewardship Program under the TSCA," is a concept paper describing EPA's general approach, issues, and considerations for NMSP. The notice requested comments on all aspects of NMSP but identified specific issues of interest to EPA. Please consult that notice for more details.

In a separate notice in this **Federal Register** EPA also issued a draft Information Collection Request (ICR) covering the information collection related activities related to NMSP and the estimated paperwork burdens associated with those activities. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information, unless it displays a currently valid control number issued by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The PRA also applies to voluntarily submitted information. Before submitting an ICR to OMB for review and approval, the agency must first solicit comment on the draft ICR. The draft ICR covering the potential information collection activities related to NMSP was also made available for a 60-day public review and comment period.

C. Why is EPA taking this Action?

On October 18, 2006, EPA launched a collaborative process and invited stakeholders to participate in the design, development, and implementation of an NMSP under TSCA. The NMSP will complement and support EPA's new and existing chemical programs under TSCA and will help provide a firmer scientific foundation for regulatory decisions by encouraging the development of key scientific information and appropriate risk

management practices for nanoscale chemical substances (nanoscale materials).

The public meeting is an important part of the collaborative development process for NMSP. The meeting is intended to further discussion about NMSP and identify additional details and issues regarding NMSP. EPA will consider all comments. The Agency will also use the information resulting from NMSP to further inform the Agency's effort to develop its TSCA program for nanoscale materials, including any potential actions that may be needed to provide necessary information to make decisions and protect human health and the environment.

III. Summary of Next Steps

In addition to providing comments on the documents made available and attending the public meeting, EPA invites you to participate in the development process for NMSP. If you would like EPA to notify you as the stewardship program moves forward, please sign-up at <http://www.epa.gov/oppt/nano/nano-contact.htm>.

EPA will consider all comments received regarding NMSP. EPA will announce the availability of the final versions of the ICR, TSCA Inventory paper, and NMSP in the **Federal Register**. Once the details of NMSP have been developed and published in the **Federal Register**, EPA will implement NMSP.

IV. How Can I Request to Participate in this Meeting?

You may register for the meeting electronically through EPA's website, at <http://www.epa.gov/oppt/nano> by July 30, 2007. Advance requests will assist in planning adequate seating; however, members of the public may attend without prior registration.

You may submit a request to make oral comments at this meeting to the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Do not submit any information in your request that is considered CBI. Requests to make oral comments at the meeting, identified by docket ID number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2004-0122, must be received on or before July 30, 2007.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Nanoscale materials, Nanotechnology, Pollution prevention.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Nanoscale Materials Stewardship Program and Inventory Status of Nanoscale Substances under the Toxic Substances Control Act; Notice of Availability

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On October 18, 2006, EPA invited stakeholders to participate in the design, development, and implementation of a Nanoscale Materials Stewardship Program (NMSP) under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). NMSP is a voluntary program intended to complement and support EPA's new and existing chemical programs under TSCA and will help provide a firmer scientific foundation for regulatory decisions by encouraging the development of key scientific information and appropriate risk management practices for nanoscale chemical substances ("nanoscale materials"). As part of this process, EPA is announcing the availability of two draft documents for public review and comment: "TSCA Inventory Status of Nanoscale Substances—General Approach" and "Concept Paper for the Nanoscale Materials Stewardship Program under TSCA." The first document describes EPA's current thinking regarding whether a nanoscale material is a "new" or "existing" chemical substance under TSCA. The second document describes the Agency's general approach, issues, and considerations for NMSP and is intended to serve as a starting point for continuing work with stakeholders on the detailed design of NMSP.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before September 10, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2004-0122, by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Document Control Office (7407M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT), Environmental

Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001.

• *Hand Delivery:* OPPT Document Control Office (DCO), EPA East Bldg., Rm. 6428, 1201 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. Attention: Docket ID Number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2004-0122. The DCO is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the DCO is (202) 564-8930. Such deliveries are only accepted during the DCO's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

Instructions: Direct your comments to docket ID number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2004-0122. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the docket without change and may be made available on-line at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through www.regulations.gov or e-mail. The www.regulations.gov website is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an e-mail comment directly to EPA without going through www.regulations.gov, your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses. For additional information about EPA's public docket, visit the EPA Docket Center homepage at <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm>.

Docket: All documents in the docket are listed in the docket index available in www.regulations.gov. To access the electronic docket, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, select "Advanced Search," then "Docket Search." Insert the docket ID number where indicated and select the "Submit" button. Follow the instructions on the www.regulations.gov website to view the docket index or access available documents. Although

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this Action Apply to Me?

You may be potentially affected by this action if you manufacture, import, process, or use nanoscale materials that are chemical substances subject to the jurisdiction of TSCA. Potentially affected entities may include, but are not limited to:

- Chemical manufacturers (NAICS code 325), e.g., persons manufacturing, importing, processing, or using chemicals for commercial purposes.
- Petroleum and coal product industries (NAICS code 324), e.g., persons manufacturing, importing,